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Petition for Extension of Time

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

Applicants received an Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, in the above-noted application. Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time in which to file a response. This extends the period for response until March 3, 2003. A check for the fee (small entity) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of March 2003.

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Certificate of Mailing

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

I hereby certify that the attached Petition for Extension of Time is being submitted via First Class Mail with the United States Postal Service in an envelope with sufficient postage on March 3, 2003, the envelope being addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231.

Please charge any additional required fees (beyond the enclosed check) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0581.

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